



Motor Gasoline Watch

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SUPPLY

- An increase in demand, along with reduced production levels, contributed to a stock decrease last week. Total motor gasoline stocks were down 2.5 million barrels to end the week at 193.3 million barrels. Stocks of reformulated gasoline decreased 0.6 million barrels to 41.8 million barrels as stocks of other finished gasoline were down 1.2 million barrels to 110.1 million barrels. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 41.0 million barrels, 0.7 million barrels below the level at the end of the prior week.
- Total motor gasoline stocks at the primary storage level were 12.7 million barrels below the level for the same week last year. Imports of total gasoline averaged 698 thousand barrels per day of which 248 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and also 248 thousand barrels per day were blending components.

Gasoline Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Finished Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	09/22/00	09/29/00	10/06/00	10/13/00	10/15/99	09/22/00	09/29/00	10/06/00	10/13/00	10/15/99
East Coast (PADD I)	1,058	1,139	988	896	999	670	644	608	556	603
Midwest (PADD II)	2,036	1,968	1,979	1,902	2,066	302	298	248	265	311
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,700	3,672	3,495	3,637	3,619	739	776	732	673	725
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	262	244	302	276	283	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,349	1,400	1,337	1,346	1,328	966	1,006	954	1,001	952
U.S. Total	8,406	8,424	8,101	8,057	8,296	2,677	2,724	2,542	2,495	2,591

Gasoline Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	09/22/00	09/29/00	10/06/00	10/13/00	10/13/99	09/22/00	09/29/00	10/06/00	10/13/00	10/13/99
East Coast (PADD I)	48.8	52.4	52.1	50.6	55.3	16.8	17.1	18.2	17.4	16.7
Midwest (PADD II)	48.3	50.0	48.3	46.8	55.1	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.2	1.7
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	60.4	59.9	60.6	62.0	60.8	10.6	10.8	10.6	11.3	10.9
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.6	6.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	27.4	27.6	28.9	28.3	28.8	10.8	11.0	12.1	11.9	11.1
U.S. Total	190.6	195.6	195.8	193.3	206.0	39.7	40.8	42.4	41.8	40.4

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PRICES

- Gasoline spot prices on most U.S. markets ended with solid increases over the past week, after rising sharply on Middle East violence and inventory reports. Crude oil led markets upward for most of the week, peaking on Thursday following new clashes between Israeli and Palestinian forces, and an apparent terrorist attack on a U.S. Navy ship in Yemen. Prices eased on Friday and Monday, but still ended significantly higher than the previous week, except on the West Coast. The New York Harbor spot price for conventional regular gasoline rose 6.35 cents for the week to 94.55 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB RFG spot price fell 0.50 cent to 108.00 cents per gallon.
- The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline rose after 3 weeks of decline, increasing 3.7 cents to 153.9 cents per gallon as of October 16, 2000. The average was the highest since September 25, and 30.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. Prices gained solidly for most regions and formulations, led by sharp increases in the Midwest.

Regular Gasoline Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	09/25/00	10/02/00	10/09/00	10/16/00	10/18/99	09/25/00	10/02/00	10/09/00	10/16/00	10/18/99
New York	92.78	88.33	88.20	94.55	61.06	93.50	90.18	90.08	97.55	62.79
Chicago	85.56	85.00	88.33	97.93	60.31	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	88.60	83.68	83.95	87.60	58.46	90.13	85.25	85.58	91.68	60.49
Los Angeles	114.00	109.50	103.50	103.00	66.00	119.00	114.50	108.50	108.00	68.00

Source: Reuters Information Services.

Regular Gasoline Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes)

District	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	09/25/00	10/02/00	10/09/00	10/16/00	10/18/99	09/25/00	10/02/00	10/09/00	10/16/00	10/18/99
East Coast (PADD I)	148.3	147.1	144.6	146.8	120.5	158.7	157.4	156.3	155.8	129.7
Midwest (PADD II)	151.4	146.9	143.5	151.9	117.6	150.9	146.7	144.9	154.3	122.1
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	147.3	144.8	142.0	145.1	120.4	143.5	143.8	141.8	141.2	118.8
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	163.1	162.4	161.5	161.7	136.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	171.2	171.1	171.2	171.0	136.2	182.3	182.3	181.7	180.1	137.8
U.S. Average	151.8	149.0	146.4	151.1	121.1	161.5	160.1	158.9	160.3	128.8

Source: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-878, Motor Gasoline Price Survey.

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